

Kingdoms in Conflict

The Day After Christmas: Part 2

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Jesus spent His ministry inviting us to _____.

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus.

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Luke 1:30-33

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born.

“In Bethlehem of Judea,” they told him, “because this is what was written by the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the leaders of Judah:
because out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd My people Israel.”*

Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find Him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship Him.”

After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was – the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure. Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:1-11

The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

...God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:8-9

And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route...

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men, flew into a rage. He gave orders to massacre all the male children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, in keeping with the time he had learned from the wise men.

Matthew 2:12, 16

Our faith does not require us to look _____ from _____.

The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

Acts 11:26

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“The Anointed One” Of the _____ of

For the first Christians, Jesus was a _____ to be _____.

“Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life – a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:26-28

Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted